

Barbara Gordon's 11th Annual Fundraiser Shake, Rattle & Roll *to* The Fabulous 50's Monday, June 4, 2018 5:00 - 8:00 PM 195 Wood Pond Road, West Hartford



To Benefit the Comprehensive Women's Health Center at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

Dear Family and Friends,

As many of you know, Mark, my husband of 62 years, passed away on March 10 after a valiant battle with kidney disease. Although his passing has left a terrible void in our lives, we are more determined than ever to support Saint Francis Hospital for the loving care they provided to Mark, and to our entire family.

It is in his memory this year, that we hold our 11th annual fundraiser on June 4 to benefit the Comprehensive Women's Health Center, whose doctors saved my life 10 years ago after I was diagnosed with cancer. The Center offers a variety of services for women, including mammograms with immediate results, massage, and above all, a compassionate environment.

While Mark was hospitalized, our son, Andy, became critically ill on Nov. 19, the eve of his 60th birthday. Our daughter, Tracy, a nurse at Saint Francis, recognized his life threatening symptoms, and at her insistence, Andy immediately came to the emergency department at Saint Francis. Andy was in septic shock with multiple other medical issues. A pre-cancerous tumor in his stomach was also diagnosed during his two-week hospital stay.

Dr. James Flaherty was able to skillfully remove the tumor using laparoscopy, allowing a faster recovery. He is an amazing surgeon and we have much to be thankful for.

On April 30, I marked the 10th anniversary of my surgery in which Drs. Allan Mayer and Jim Frank saved my life after I was diagnosed with uterine cancer and a pancreatic tumor. I remain forever grateful to them.

With gratitude for my cure, Andy's return to good health and in Mark's memory, our fundraiser for the Comprehensive Women's Health Center will be a trip down memory lane. The theme is the 1950's, one of Mark's favorite musical eras.

We hope you will come "Shake, Rattle and Roll" with us on this very special evening.

Love,

Barbara

Optional but fun...Dig out those penny loafers, poodle skirts and leather jackets. Come dressed in your favorite 1950's attire!